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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ACTION REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES

CG Docket No. 06-181

Several entities have filed petitions for exemption from the closed captioning requirements, found in section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1, for the television programs they produce. Each of these petitioners claims that compliance with the closed captioning requirements would impose an undue burden on them, as defined in section 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules.

Comments on and oppositions to these petitions are due 30 days from the date of this public notice. Replies to these comments and oppositions are due 20 days after the comments/oppositions deadline. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 for particulars regarding filing deadlines.

Ex Parte Presentations. Unless otherwise provided, requests for waiver of the Commission's rules are subject to treatment by the Commission as restricted proceedings for ex parte purposes under section 1.1208 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1208. Because of the policy implications and potential impact of the collective proceedings in CG Docket No. 06-181 on persons not necessarily party to each individual petition for exemption, we have found that it is in the public interest to treat CG Docket No. 06-181 as a permit-but-disclose proceeding under the Commission's ex parte rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a) and 1.1206; Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Action: Extension of Comment Period on Petitions for Exemption from Commission's Closed Captioning Rules; Ex Parte Treatment of Filings In Docket, CG Docket No. 06-181, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 13487, 13488 (CGB 2006). All ex parte filings and contacts associated with these petitions for exemption shall comport with the Commission's rules for permit-but-disclose proceedings. See id. Therefore, ex parte presentations will be permitted but must be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See id. Other rules pertaining to oral and written ex parte presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Filing Instructions -

Any filing related to these petitions must reference **CG Docket No. 06-181**, as well as the relevant case identifier, **located in column 1**.

¹ The names of the Petitioners are set forth in Attachment A.

Comments, oppositions, replies, and *ex parte* letters may be filed electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi. Key 06-181 in box 1 labeled "Proceeding"; click on "comment," "opposition," "reply," or "letter," as appropriate, in box 12 labeled "Document Type"; and key the four numerical digits of the relevant case identifier in box 13 labeled "File Number." Be sure to follow all other directions on the page.

If filing paper copies, an original and two (2) copies of all comments, oppositions, and replies must be filed with the Commission. Parties making *ex parte* presentations must comply with section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, commercial overnight courier, or by first class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Attention: CGB Room 3-B431.

- * The Commission's contractor will receive <u>hand-delivered</u> or <u>messenger-delivered</u> paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of <u>before</u> entering the building.
- * Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service, Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- * <u>U.S. Postal Service</u> first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

All comments and oppositions must be served on the relevant petitioners at their respective addresses, and include a certification that they have been served on the relevant petitioner.

For petitioners who wish to reply to comments or oppositions, replies are due 20 days after the comments/oppositions deadline, and must be filed in accordance with the above filing instructions. In addition, each reply shall be served on the commenting or opposing party and shall include a certification that the commenter was served with a copy.

All comments, oppositions, and replies must contain a detailed, full showing, supported by affidavit, of any facts or considerations relied upon.

The petitions are available for public inspection at the Commission's Reference Information Center:

445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 202-418-0270

The petitions, comments, oppositions, replies, and *ex parte* presentations can be found through ECFS at http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/comsrch_v2.cgi. To access them, key 06-181 in box 1 labeled "Proceeding" and the four numerical digits of the relevant case identifier in box 10 labeled "File Number/Community," and click on the Retrieve Document List button at the bottom. This Public Notice can be found through ECFS (keying 06-181 in box 1 and clicking on the Retrieve Document List button), or at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/caption exemptions.html.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to <u>fcc504@fcc.gov</u> or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Contact: Michael Jacobs (202) 418-2859 (voice), (202) 418-8233 (TTY); e-mail Michael.Jacobs@fcc.gov.

Attachment A

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Case Identifier	Petitioner/Program Name	Address
CGB-CC-0780	Bennett Chiropractic	120 West Dublin Drive, Suite 102
	_	Madison, AL 35758
CGB-CC-0781	The Life Church of Memphis	1800 North Germantown Parkway
		Cordova, TN 38016
CGB-CC-0783	Donna Dell'Anno / "Smiley the	PO Box 224
	Clown & Friends"	Yorkville, NY 13495
CGB-CC-0784	Hunting Lease LLC / "Hunting	1 Oakwood Park Plaza, Suite 205
	Lease Magazine TV"	Castle Rock, CO 80104
CGB-CC-0785	New Life World Ministries	2500 Decker Boulevard, Suite D-4
		Columbia, SC 29206
CGB-CC-0786	Utah Partnerships For Christ	3701 Harrison Boulevard South
		Ogden, UT 84403
CGB-CC-0787	Charles D. Johnson / "Living The	113 West Spencer Court
	Beat"	Harlingen, TX 78550
CGB-CC-0788	The Blue Group	1200 Barton Hills #101
		Austin, TX 78704
CGB-CC-0789	Villages News Network	c/o Erick Langenbrunner
		McLin & Burnsed P.A.
		1028 Lake Sumter Landing
		The Villages, FL 32162
CGB-CC-0790	Faith Cometh By Hearing	PO Box 335
	Ministries	Monrovia, CA 91017
CGB-CC-0791	Marcum Media, LLC / "Talisman	4550 East Bell Road, Suite 136
	Medallion"	Phoenix, AZ 85032
CGB-CC-0792	Chrisagis Brothers Ministry	103 Sinclair Avenue
		Yorkville, OH 43917